

Attorney Docket No. 03533/LH**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : S. NAKAGAWA
Serial No. : 10/655,354
Filed : September 3, 2003
For : MICROSCOPIC IMAGE CAPTURE APPARATUS
AND MICROSCOPIC IMAGE CAPTURING
METHOD
Art Unit : 2872
Examiner : ARNEL C. LAVARIAS
Customer No.: 01933

RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed
November 26, 2004, the term for response to which expires on
December 26, 2004.

ELECTION

Applicant hereby elects Species 1, for further prosecution
on the merits, without traverse.

CLAIMS READABLE ON ELECTED SPECIES

The claims readable on elected Species 1 are claims 1-5,
9-14, 18 and 19.

The Examiner indicated that claims 18-19 appear to be
generic among species 1-3. Therefore, it is respectfully

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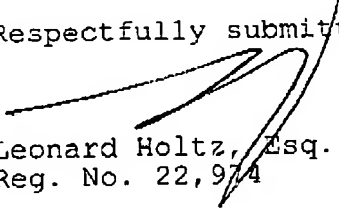
requested that claims 18 and 19 be examined along with claims 1-5 and 9-14.

It is respectfully requested that prosecution on the merits now proceed on the basis of the election set forth above.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,


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